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FINANCING SHIP ACQUISITION BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,
MAY 16-26

REF: JOHE/ALLEN TELECON APRIL 3

1. REFERENCE MEETING IS BASED UPON SHIPPING COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION 28(VIII), PARA 3, WHICH CALLS FOR A GROUP OF
EXPERTS "NOMINATED BY GOVERNMENTS AND SELECTED BY THE
SECRETARY GENERAL" BASED ON THE USUAL PRINCIPLES OF
GEOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION. THE SECRETARIAT HAS CHOSEN
THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES FOR THE MEETING AS REPRESENTING
NORMAL GEOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION: BRAZIL, MEXICO, EGYPT,
FRANCE, FRG, INDIA, GHANA, JAPAN, IRAQ, NORWAY, POLAND
AND USSR. MEXICO, GHANA AND IRAQ WERE SECOND CHOICES
FOR COLOMBIA, IVORY COAST AND KUWAIT WHO DID NOT RESPOND
TO THE INITIAL SECRETARIAT INVITATION TO NOMINATE
CANDIDATES FOR THE GROUP. THE U.S. WAS NEVER ASKED.
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2. IN LINE WITH THE RESOLUTION CITED ABOVE, THE TERMS OF
REFERENCE OF THE GROUP IS: (A) STUDY THE PROCEDURES,
SOURCES AND CONDITIONS OF FINANCING AVAILABLE FOR SHIP
ACQUISITION BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND (B) PROPOSE IM-
PROVEMENTS IN THE METHODS OF FINANCING WHICH WILL
FACILITATE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO EXPAND THEIR MERCHANT

FLEETS.

3. THE BASIC DOCUMENT FOR THE GROUP WILL BE TD/B/C.4/161, TOGETHER WITH GOVERNMENT COMMENTS CONTAINED IN TD/B/C.4/163 (BOTH DOCUMENTS OF THE 8TH COMMITTEE ON SHIPPING), PLUS ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND PAPERS TO BE PREPARED BY THE SECRETARIAT.

4. COMMENT: THIS IS NOT AN INTRA-GOVERNMENTAL MEETING, BUT RATHER OF EXPERTS MEETING IN A PRIVATE CAPACITY. THE METHOD OF NOMINATION WAS INSTITUTED AT THE INSISTENCE OF GROUP B TO AVOID THE SECRETARIAT BEING ABLE TO NOMINATE WHOMSOEVER IT WANTED. HOWEVER, IT WAS THE EXPECTATION OF GROUP B AT THE TIME OF THE PASSAGE OF THE RESOLUTION THAT THE SECRETARIAT WOULD CONSULT ON WHICH COUNTRIES WERE TO MAKE SUCH NOMINATIONS. THIS DID NOT HAPPEN.
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